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3. Mr. Roger Jones, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget for Legislative Reference, called to state that he wished to circulate to interested agencies CIA's request for legislation exempting the Agency from the provisions of the Performance Rating Act of 1950. However, he felt that it would be preferable if CIA could declassify its confidential memorandum to the Bureau of the Budget on this matter, and I am reviewing the memorandum so that we may comply with Mr. Jones' request.

4. Mr. Wisner, DD/P, called to state that he was preparing a memorandum of conversation which he has recently had with Senator Fulbright on the subject of the Mansfield resolution. Senator Fulbright stated that when Senator Mansfield approached him to co-sponsor the resolution he had suggested that the Senator discuss the matter with the DCI prior to introducing it, and told Mr. Wisner that if Mansfield had failed to do so he had lost Fulbright's support. Furthermore, the Senator felt that in the absence of CIA's approval of the resolution it would not pass.

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5. Mr. Hart Perry, of the Bureau of the Budget, called to ask what the status of the Mansfield resolution was and our views on it so that he could be abreast of the matter. I told him that basically we were taking no public position on the resolution in view of the fact that it was a Congressional matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress. I pointed out, however, that in our opinion our parent committee was the Armed Services Committee in each House, and that we had talked with the Senate Armed Services Committee in connection with the resolution. He asked that if the Agency was requested to comment formally on the resolution it would, in accordance with regulations, clear the reply through the Bureau of the Budget, and I assured him that we would do so. Subsequent to this conversation, an official request for comment from the Senate Rules Committee has come in, and this office will undertake to prepare the necessary drafts for the DCI's consideration upon his return. Col. [] tells me that Gen. Cabell suggests that we inform the Committee clerk that the DCI is away and that we would like to hold up our answer until he returns.

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6. In connection with Item 3 of the Journal of 24 March, at Mr. [] request Mr. Houston and I discussed with Mr. [] of [] the status of his accounts in connection with [] [] The Security Office is making an informal approach to the FBI to ascertain what investigation of these accounts is currently underway.

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